SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—51. (*a*) Information for all the institutions named is not readily available. It is difficult to collect and it is considered unnecessary to collect it. There has been a member of the community in the Representative Assembly since 1924. There has been none in the Legislative Council. Members of the community seem to have been appointed to Village Panchayets since 1927 and Municipal Councils since 1928-29.

(*b*) Yes. The information collected on the last occasion is appended. (Appendix).

MR. M. MADIAH (Minorities).—

Q.—52. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Dewan stated in the Economic Conference in the year 1922 that it is desirable to appoint a special officer for enquiring into the needs and wants of the Depressed Classes ;

(*b*) whether any action has been taken by the Government in that direction and if so, the action taken ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—52. (*a*) No such promise is traceable.

(*b*) In their Order No. 1318-68/C.B. 84-26-3, dated 11-10-1926, Government have appointed the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore to ameliorate the condition of the Depressed Classes.

MR. KRISHNA RAO GANESH RAO GURJAR (Special Interests).—

Q.—54. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that Municipalities are levying Octroi duty on coffee while they exempt *chicori* which is imported from foreign countries ;

(*b*) what are the Municipalities in which the said Octroi duty is levied on coffee and those in which *chicori* is exempt from the levy ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—54. (*a*) and (*b*) Octroi duty is being levied on coffee imported into the Bangalore and Mysore City Municipalities at three pies per rupee *ad valorem*.

Octroi duty is not levied on *chicori* in any of the Municipalities in the State.

MR. KRISHNA RAO GANESH RAO GURJAR (Special Interests).—

Q.—55. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken by Government to prohibit the adulteration of coffee after the fact that coffee husk was being adulterated with coffee powder was brought to their notice ;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that people are being deceived under the belief that such adulterated stuff is pure powder ?